

### **Remarks**

Claims 1 – 38 are pending in this application. Two terminal disclaimers accompany this response to obviate double patenting rejections made by the Examiner.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract of the disclosure because it contained more than 150 words. A new Abstract is included with this response.

The specification has been amended to add the patent number for Application No. 10/281,790, as required by the Examiner.

Claim 24 has been amended to correct the spelling of the word "blazed" on line 2 of the claim.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 – 22, and 31 – 38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7 and 10 – 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,490,393 B1. The present application and the identified patent are commonly owned. A terminal disclaimer, fully complying with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.321(c), accompanies this response to overcome this rejection.

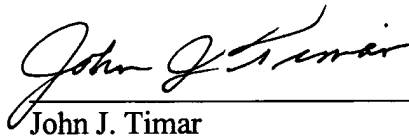
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 – 23, and 31 – 38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5 – 12, 14 – 21, and 24 – 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,093 B2. The present application and the identified patent are commonly owned. A terminal disclaimer, fully complying with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.321(c), accompanies this response to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner objected to claims 2 – 12 and 24 – 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form,

including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since these claims depend from claims that stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and in view of the terminal disclaimers submitted herewith, the objection to these claims is overcome without any further amendment. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in these claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the terminal disclaimers submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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